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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for using a service made available in a telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising:

at least one network server having a user interface program, the user interface program being configured to implement the service;

a user-side terminal, the user-side terminal being capable of connection to the at least one network server; and

a control and operating device executing a user interface to control and operate the service;

wherein the control and operating device is assigned to the user-side terminal and the at least one network server transmits the user interface program to the control and operating device before the service is used, the user-side terminal capable of being independent of the service so that the service does not depend upon an associated application previously stored in the user-side terminal.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the user-side terminal includes a telephone.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the service includes a speech recognition system.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 further comprising an ISDN line connected to the at least one network server, a first channel of the ISDN line being assigned to the user-side terminal and a second channel of the ISDN line being assigned to the control and operating device.

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5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 2 wherein a microphone of the telephone is used for inputting speech and the control and operating device is used for displaying text.
6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the control and operating device includes a JAVA processor.
7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the control and operating device includes a computer.
8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the control and operating device includes a JAVA execution-time environment.
9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the terminal includes a JAVA execution-time environment.
10. (Previously Presented) A method for using a service made available in a telecommunications network wherein at least one network server stores at least one user interface program, the at least one user interface program providing operating functionality, said method comprising:
 - using a user-side control and operating device or terminal to request the at least one user interface program to be transmitted from the at least one network server to the control and operating device before the service is used, and
 - executing the user interface program by the control and operating device, so that an operator can control and operate the service through a user interface,
 - wherein the user-side control and operating device or terminal is configured independent of the service so that the service does not depend upon an associated application previously stored in the user-side terminal.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 10 wherein the user interface program is transmitted as a JAVA applet.

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12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 11 wherein the service provides processing of speech into text, speech input being carried out using the terminal, display of the text being carried out using the control and operating device, and conversion of speech into text being carried out by the at least one network server.
13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 8 wherein the user-side terminal includes a JAVA execution-time environment.
14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 10 wherein:
 - the at least one user interface program is transmittable as a JAVA applet;
 - the service includes processing speech into text, the speech being input using the user-side control and operating device or terminal; and
 - the user-side control and operating device or terminal is operable to display the text.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for using a service in a telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising:
 - means for providing at least one user-interface providing an operating functionality;
 - means for serving a network and for storing at least one user-interface;
 - means for requesting transmission of the at least one user-interface to the means for requesting, before the service is used;
 - means for executing the at least one user interface so that the service is controllable and operable by the user through the at least one user interface; and
 - means for removing the at least one user interface after the service is used,
wherein the means for serving a network and for storing at least one user-interface is capable of being independent of the service so that the service does not depend upon an associated application previously stored in the means for serving a network and for storing at least one user-interface.

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- 16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 15 wherein the service includes processing speech into text, and the means for providing at least one user-interface is operable for inputting the speech and for displaying the text.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 16 wherein the at least one user interface is transmittable as a JAVA applet.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 2, further comprising an ISDN line connectable to the at least one network server, a first channel of the ISDN line being assignable to the user-side terminal and a second channel of the ISDN line being assignable to the control and operating device, wherein the service includes a speech recognition system.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 18 wherein the telephone includes a microphone for inputting speech, and the control and operating device includes a computer and is operable to display text.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 19 wherein the control and operating device includes a JAVA processor and a JAVA execution-time environment.